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U.K. terrorism officials arrest 7 more suspects

LONDON -- Seven more terrorism suspects have been arrested and detained in the United Kingdom in what is now the fourth security-related incident this week as the world counts down to the London Olympics, which begin three weeks from today.

Police in the United Kingdom impounded a vehicle after a routine stop Saturday on a highway north of London, suspecting the driver didn't have valid car insurance. When police searched the vehicle, they found firearms and other material hidden inside.

"As soon as the items were discovered in the impounded vehicle, our priority was to protect the public by pursuing and arresting those we believed to be involved," Det. Chief Superintendent Kenny Bell said.

As a result, three men were detained Tuesday morning, with an additional three detained Wednesday evening, and one Thursday evening. Six of the suspects are ages 22 to 27 and are from the U.K.'s West Midlands, and one is a 43-year-old from West York-

shire.

The arrests follow the six arrested Thursday in an early morning raid. New details that have emerged since those arrests indicate that it was three brothers and three other men who are suspected of being Islamic terrorists planning a strike in the U.K. during the Olympic Games.

One of the suspects is Muslim-convert Richard Dart, a former BBC security guard who uses the name Salahuddin al Britani, and rails against Britain's royals and Britain's military. Another one of the three suspects, detained in West London Thursday, is Jahangir Alom, a former community police officer in the United Kingdom.

Three of the men were arrested in a house approximately one mile from Olympic Park.

Pre-Olympic security jitters are being felt across England, which might explain why a bus en route to London was pulled over Thursday, its 48 passengers marched onto the highway and kept in isolation for hours.

Aruba and Holland signs protocol of cooperation



Aruba's Minister of Education and Justice and Dutch Minister of Education, Marja Bijsterveldt-Vliegenhart recently signed a new protocol of cooperation. In this protocol Aruba and Holland determined a few concrete matters that would result in reinforcing education both in Aruba and in Holland.

One of the areas of cooperation is obligatory education, which recently became law here. They will create platforms of consultation for obligatory education, in which all countries of the Dutch Kingdom can share their expertise and experience with each other.

Aruba and Holland are

and the University of Aruba can make use of the Accreditation Organization, "Hulandes-Vlaams" to guarantee superior education on Aruba.

In addition to this, they intend to organize a structural consultancy for the inspection of Aruba and Holland.

For schools in the Dutch Caribbean and Aruba, they will organize a work team with the objective of holding an annual language conference where schools can share their best practices and at the same time develop teaching material together.

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A great formula for summer smiles: SETAR, The Cinemas and Spiderman



Summer blockbusters began playing early with "The Avengers" in May. SETAR, Aruba's national telecommunications company, and the provider of the 3D technology at The Cinemas in Oranjestad and Paseo Herencia Mall, knew the great anticipation for these highly entertaining films, and offered their clients the opportunity to win tickets for the island premiere by SMS.

"The Avengers" was such a success they did it again with the next Marvel Comics superhero to make it to theaters "The Amazing Spiderman." Lucky winners enjoyed not only the acrobatics of Spiderman on the screen, but enjoyed his antics

in the lobby of the movie theater, where they were captured by SETAR NV photographers to be displayed on the company's website.

Marvel Comics has proven since starting their own studio and exerting strict creative control over the screen realizations of their quirky superhero stable that films about comic book characters can be quality entertainment and "The Amazing Spiderman" is no exception. It gives new depth and interest to this popular genre and retelling of this particular story. Undoubtedly, it will be a summer hit worldwide; it certainly was for opening night on Aruba!



Public Library introducing Digital Newspapers of yesteryears

The Department Arubiana of the Aruba Public Library is working on the digitalization of three newspapers that were in circulation on the island for many years during the past century. The first of these is the "Observador: Semanario Informativo Netamente Arubiano" which was dedicated to the interest of the Aruban public.

The other paper is, "Aruba: Noticiero Oficial di Gobierno (Insular)," and the third paper is: "Aruba: Organ van de Voorlichtingsdienst van het Eilandgebied Aruba," which was an official Dutch language publication.

These papers circulated during the years 1957 to 1984. The Public Library's Arubiana Department has decided to scan these publications page by page and make them accessible online. The publications provide valuable historic information of Aruba and may be used as important research material.

The Observador was published for the first time back in 1935. Later it appeared again on the market from 1961 to 1965. It was published in Papiamentu and at one point also contained an English language section. It was a publication geared to the interest of everyone. It also gave same attention to the cultural life of Aruba.

Aruba: Noticiero Oficial di Gobierno (Insular), was a government publication designed to inform the general public about the different projects, jobs and activities of the government.

A major portion of the work of scanning



these publications is completed, and very soon each publication will be available online. The publications may be accessed via the website of the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC), <http://www.dloc.com>. Go to the 'home page' and click 'partners' then go to 'Biblioteca Nacional Aruba' and click the 'all items' tab.

Persons searching for articles, announcements or photos of Aruba for the period 1943 to 1985 will find all of these on the same website. For some time now it has been possible to search for approximately 837 issues on this particular website.

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BYD FO and Totto provide a great Back-to-School Combo

Two stylish products perfect for youth have teamed up to provide an irresistible offer as islanders begin gearing up for back to school. Totto shops around Aruba will award with each purchase of two items a raffle ticket to win a BYD FO, the kicky, cute cars sold by Garage Cordia.

For those not familiar with Totto, they offer stylish clothing and accessories for all the family, from wallets to lunch bags, purses, backpacks and luggage in colorful, unique ensembles. Durable but adorable, their well-made inventory from Colombia comes in bright colors and prints for girls and boys and elegant, fashionable options for adults. The BYD FO is an equally fashionable car with sleek styling, but particularly famous for its fuel-efficiency.

Totto owner Juan Carillo Vasquez explained the campaign will continue through September 14, with the winner to be announced on the 15th. Raffle tickets can be obtained at the Totto stores at Palm Beach Plaza, on the Caya Betico Croes in Oranjestad and in San Nicolas, along with authorized outlets such as Plaza Book Store. The contest is open only to local residents of Aruba.

by Rosalie Klein



Back to school with Totto and BYD



Buy two Totto items to earn a raffle ticket

Paseo Herencia helps send Benjamin Security off to the regional Little League Championships



GM Valerie and Market mgr Candy present the team with their banner



Paseo Herencia Executives with Benjamin Francis and the team

Yesterday morning, 14 players 10 to 11 years old along with three coaches, boarded a plane to Puerto Rico to defend Aruba's title as Caribbean Little League Champions, which they won last year for the first time since 1976.

This year, Benjamin Security of the Aruba Central League took the national title, sponsored and coached by baseball fanatic Benjamin Francis. The team is enthusiastically supported by the owners and management of Paseo Herencia Shopping Center, and the afternoon before departure, mall management presented the players with a beautiful banner, which they will carry on the field during the opening ceremonies of the championship games, beginning Monday, July 9.

Presenting the banner were Paseo General Manager Valerie Pietersz-Camacho and Marketing Manager Candy Rasmijn-Reino; TGI Friday's treated the team to a casual farewell party afterwards, during which Valerie and Candy told the team how very proud they were of each and every player, certain they will get out on the field and put forward their best effort to bring home the win for

Aruba. "Most of all, remember to enjoy your time in Puerto Rico," Valerie told the boys, "play hard, but have fun while you are doing it." Along with sponsoring the banner, Paseo Herencia rewarded each team member with a VIP card at the shopping mall, allowing for special parking privileges and discounts at all vendors.

Aruba will be competing against 12 other teams from the region. Little League is the only youth baseball category to have a Caribbean title; the Junior and Senior League winners compete in their respective World Series tournaments as the Latin Champions, two titles also won by Aruba last year. The Little League Caribbean regional title was branched out from the Latin title in 2001; for nine years, Aruba's sister island of Curaçao dominated the competitions, finally losing to Puerto Rico in 2010 and Aruba took the trophy last year.

As Caribbean Champions, Benjamin Security would represent Aruba in the Little League World Series scheduled to take place in Williamsport, Pennsylvania August 16 to 26. ESPN 3 will broadcast those games live.

by Rosalie Klein

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SAN NICOLAS -- On Sunday all of Aruba is cordially invited to head over to San Nicolas to join the 8th Ciclovía for 2012. The family oriented activity is scheduled to begin at 7:00 in the morning and continue till noon at 12:00 pm. As always, there will be a kid's bike tour and an adult's bike tour with a longer route this time. And, there will also be a walk.

With so many activities to choose from, is what makes this monthly event such fun where young and old can participate freely. To begin the day there will be aerobics and "stretch" exercises for those wanting an early warm up.

The kid's bike tour will leave at 8:00am together with those taking the walk. Joe Laveist Sports Park will be the place of departure off to a 3.7km route.

The adult's bike tour will leave at 9:00am and will also depart from Joe Laveist Sports Park for a distance of 12.7km. The bike tour will travel to Savaneta, Cura Cabai, Mabon, Brasil and of course, San Nicolas. There will also be Pannabol and recreational games for all children. The public streets will be closed to all traffic so that anyone can ride their bicycles, rollerblades or skate boards. Everyone is expected at the San Nicolas Ciclovía this Sunday, July 8 to enjoy a healthy day of fun activities.

For more information regarding the routes visit their face book at: www.facebook.com/ciclovíaaruba, or call telephone 582-4987.

Public Library introducing Digital Newspapers...

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The digitalization of the Aruba Esso News and the 3 other publications mentioned are published in cooperation with The Digital Library of the Caribbean and the Aruba Public Library (Biblioteca Nacional Aruba). The Aruba Esso News of the past century was a well known news source on Aruba especially written for the Lago Oil Refinery community.

The Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) is a cooperative of digital libraries of

recourses related to the Caribbean. dLOC offers access to digital versions of cultural, historic and investigative material concerning the Caribbean, which are currently stored in archives, libraries and private collections.

Amigoe: digital collection of Koninklijke Bibliotheek (Kingdom Library):

Researchers in search of information and news of Curacao and of the other islands of the past century, can con-

sult Amigoe online. Amigoe, The Curacao Gazette of the Curacao Courant is accessible at <http://kranten.kb.nl>. It is possible to search some 1500 newspapers from Holland, Netherlands Antilles, Surinam and Nederlands-Indie via a variety of key words. Several million pages are available covering the period from 1618 to 1995. The digitalization is an initiative of the Koninklijke Bibliotheek in Holland: <http://kranten.kb.nl>.

Aruba and Holland sign protocol for cooperation

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During the signing of the protocol, Aruba and Holland confirmed the interest to attain equality of diplomas. Both countries pledged that they will ensure that Aruban young people will be able to continue enrolling in and studying advanced education in Holland. Also when admission to superior education in Holland becomes more stringent that Aruba students will continue to be allowed en-

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International News

Pena Nieto's Mexico presidential win confirmed



MEXICO CITY (AFP) - A final vote count Friday confirmed Enrique Pena Nieto's decisive win to become the new Mexican president, but the handsome politico must still overcome legal challenges.

Leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who came in second

and lost by 6.62 percent to Pena Nieto of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), said he will legally challenge the results, claiming the winner "bought" votes, enjoyed overwhelmingly positive media coverage and broke campaign spending limits.

Lopez Obrador lost the last presidential election in 2006 by less than one percent, claimed fraud and held protests that virtually paralyzed Mexico City for more than a month. He has not called for protest marches this year.

Pena Nieto won with 38.21 percent of the vote against 31.59 percent for Lopez Obrador with the Party of the

Democratic Revolution (PRD), according to the independent Federal Electoral Institute and Josefina Vazquez Mota of PAN came in third with 25.41 percent.

The official results were announced after a painstaking vote-by-vote recount of results at a little more than half of the country's 143,144 polling stations that dragged on far longer than expected.

Octavio Aguilar, a senior Vazquez Mota campaign official, estimated that the PRI spent up to \$500 million getting Pena Nieto elected, shattering the legal campaign spending limit of \$30 million.



Buenos Aires (AFP) - Former Argentine dictator Jorge Rafael Videla was convicted and sentenced to 50 years Thursday for a systematic program to steal babies from prisoners who were kidnapped, tortured and killed during the military junta's war on leftist dissidents three decades ago. Argentina's last dictator, Reynaldo Bignone, also was convicted and got 15 years. Both men already were in prison for other human rights abuses. The baby thefts set Argentina's 1976-1983 regime apart from all the other juntas that ruled in Latin America at the time. Videla, 86, (L) and Bignone, 84, (R) already have life sentences for other crimes against humanity, and are serving time behind bars despite an Argentine law that usually permits criminals over 70 to stay at home.

Florida teen's shooter freed from jail

MIAMI (AFP) - Florida neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, accused of second degree murder for shooting 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in February, was "released this afternoon" after posting 10 percent -- or

\$100,000 -- of the bail amount, the Seminole County jail said.

His previous bail, of \$150,000, was revoked last month after he and his wife Shellie were accused of lying about funds they had raised

through a website.

Zimmerman's lawyer Mark O'Mara said supporters had donated about \$20,000 since Thursday, after Judge Kenneth Lester ordered the new bond. Another \$55,000 was donated to the fund in the two months prior to the court setting bail.

The racially-charged case -- the victim was black, the shooter half-white, half-Hispanic -- set off a wave of protests across the country before police arrested Zimmerman on April 11 and charged him with second-degree murder.

"Mr Zimmerman's security team has established a safe house where he can stay until a more permanent secure location can be established," O'Mara said on a website set up for his client's defense, noting that the bond terms require Zimmerman to remain in Seminole County.

Zimmerman must also wear an electronic tracking device, cannot open or maintain a bank account and cannot take a passport or enter Orlando International Airport.



HONG KONG (AFP) - Hong Kong customs officers said Friday they had made the city's largest ever cocaine bust, after finding almost 650 kilograms of the drug -- with a street value of about \$98 million -- in a shipping container. The officers, acting on tip-off from US counterparts, seized the 649-kilogram (1,431-pound) haul from a container from Ecuador as it was being transported by truck to an industrial area in the remote New Territories. Ecuador, situated between the world's two biggest cocaine producers, Peru and Colombia, is often used as a transit point for traffickers seeking to transport drugs into the region.



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World piles pressure on Assad as general defects

PARIS (AFP) - International leaders yesterday urged the UN to ratchet up pressure on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad by threatening his regime with tough sanctions, as the defection of a top general rocked his inner circle.

Some 100 nations and organisations meeting in Paris called on the UN Security Council to adopt a transition plan for Syria backed by economic sanctions if the regime refuses to comply.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also issued a clarion call for all nations to do more to push for political change in Syria and end the 16-month conflict, while lambasting Russia and China for "blockading" progress.

The Friends of Syria talks in the French capital took place amid news that one of Assad's most trusted inner circle had defected in what would be a major blow to the regime as it battles the opposition.

"General Munaf Tlass defected three days ago," a source close to the Syrian government said on condition of anonymity.

Tlass, the highest-ranking military officer to have abandoned the Assad regime, was on his way to Paris to join his wife and sister, Nahed Ojjeh, widow of Saudi millionaire arms dealer Akram Ojjeh, said the source.

A general in the elite Republican Guard charged with protecting the regime, he is the son of former defence minister Mustafa Tlass, a close friend of Assad's late father and predecessor, Hafez.

"A senior official from the Syrian regime, a commander in the Republican Guard, has defected and is headed for Paris," French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius confirmed at a news conference, although his final destination was unclear.

Participants at the Paris meeting called on the UN Security Council to urgently adopt the six-point peace plan drawn up by UN-Arab League envoy to Syria Kofi Annan under the UN Charter's Chapter 7.

But the final statement stressed that any immediate action under Article 41 provided only for non-military intervention.

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Scots flag to fly at Downing St for Murray Wimbledon final

LONDON (AFP) - Andy Murray's Wimbledon semi-final victory yesterday was hailed as "great news" by British Prime Minister David Cameron as Downing Street pledged to fly the Scottish flag to mark tomorrow's final.

Murray became the first British man in 74 years to reach the Wimbledon final when he beat French fifth seed

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

Minutes later, Cameron's 10 Downing Street office issued a statement saying it would fly the Scottish flag alongside the Union flag on Sunday "in support of Andy Murray in the final".

Cameron himself said: "It is great news that we have our first home-grown men's fina-

list at Wimbledon for over 70 years, especially in this exciting Olympics year when the eyes of the world are on the UK.

"I'll be watching the final tomorrow and like the rest of the country, will be getting right behind Andy Murray -- I wish him the best of luck."

The pledge to fly the Scottish flag at Downing Street

comes amid a political battle over whether Scotland should remain part of the United Kingdom.

The Scottish government, which has devolved powers from London and is led by First Minister Alex Salmond, is holding a referendum in 2014 on Scottish independence from the United Kingdom.

Health & Living

Poles charged with selling own organs online

WARSAW (AFP) - Twenty-three people have been indicted in Poland for attempting to sell their own organs, mostly kidneys, over the Internet, national police headquarters said Friday.

Recent reports suggest that economic hard times are seeing a rise in the number people offering their own organs for sale on the Internet across the globe.

"I'm almost certain that in Poland there is no black market involving these types of sophisticated medical procedures which leave behind a great deal of evidence. It's too risky," national police spokesman Mariusz Sokolowski told AFP.

Poland's leading experts in human trafficking worked with 80 police departments across the country to coordinate the recent nationwide cyber-sweep, the largest ever of its kind to focus on organ trafficking.

Police detained people responsible for 250 online advertisements offering organs for sale, searched 95 premises and questioned 105 people, Sokolowski said.

Law enforcement authorities expect to make additional arrests within the framework of the ongoing investigation.

In Poland, offering organs for sale carries a prison term of up to one year.

Record number of Africans get AIDS drugs

PARIS (AFP) - A record number of Africans now have access to drugs to control the HIV virus, but the continent must work harder to strengthen the lifeline, the head of UNAIDS says.

At the end of last year, 6.2 million people in sub-Saharan Africa were taking antiretroviral treatment, an increase of 1.1 million over 2010, UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibe said in an interview.

It means that 56 percent of Africans in need of the drugs now have access to them, he said.

The cost of the drugs has plummeted from around \$15,000 per head a dozen years

ago to some \$80 today, and many treatments are far simpler for patients than in the past.

China totally funds its domestic AIDS programme and the figure for fellow emerging giant India is 95 percent, but in Africa some countries are 100-percent dependent on foreign help, Sidibe said.

Another problem is that Africa is 80-percent dependent on India for its drugs, Sidibe said.

He added he would call for an African Medicines Regulatory Agency at an Africa Union summit, taking place in Addis Ababa from July 13 to 15.

Thai pregnant migrant worker plan slammed

BANGKOK (AFP) - Thai government proposals to deport pregnant migrant workers will heighten discrimination rather than boost the fight against human trafficking, Human Rights Watch said Friday. Thailand's Labour Ministry recently proposed expelling migrant workers, believing they will receive better care in their own countries.

The rights group said the measure was floated in response to the US State Department's recent classification of Thailand in "Tier 2" of its watch list, a status for countries demonstrating poor efforts to stamp out human trafficking.

But the proposal has provoked fury among rights

groups who decry the scheme's potential to worsen the lot of migrants, while simultaneously failing to tackle the root causes of people trafficking.

If it is sincere about tackling the trafficking scourge, Thailand should ensure the children of migrants go to school while cracking down on government officials and labour recruiters who hire victims, he added.

Last month's State Department report criticised Thailand for failing to respond to trafficking -- mostly from neighbouring countries -- into work as forced prostitutes, beggars and labourers in fishing industry and factories.

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Mali children raped, maimed, recruited by armed groups

DAKAR (AFP) - The United Nations Children's Fund said Friday that armed groups occupying northern Mali were recruiting children, while others had been raped and killed by explosive devices.

UNICEF said in a statement that evidence collected since the end of March, when Islamists and other armed groups seized the northern half of Mali, showed at least 175 boys aged between 12 and 18 had been recruited into armed groups.

The agency also noted that at least eight girls were raped or sexually abused. Two boys were killed by explosive devices and another 18 children maimed.

Theophane Nikyema, UNICEF's representative in Mali, said that in addition to this, some 300,000 children had been affected by the closure of schools and were at higher risk of recruitment, violence and exploitation.

Children in the desert region are further facing a severe nutritional crisis which has put some 560,000 young children in Mali at risk of acute malnutrition this year, the statement said.

UNICEF said it was in critical need of additional funding, with only 21 percent of its appeal for \$58 million (47 million euro) for 2012 met.

British government flies gay pride flag for first time



LONDON (AFP) - The British government on Friday hoisted the rainbow flag symbolising gay pride over one of its ministries for the first time.

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg requested the flag be flown on Whitehall, the central London street that houses several ministries, ahead of the World Pride parade celebrating gay rights in the British capital today.

"Flying this iconic flag in the heart of Whitehall is a small but important emblem that the government and this country are behind equal rights," added Clegg, whose centrist party is junior partner in a coalition led by the centre-right Conservatives.

The striped rainbow flag was raised over the Cabinet Office, the ministry responsible for coordinating central government.

Ministers have pledged to legalise gay marriage in England and Wales by 2015 despite opposition from some Conserva-

tives and religious figures.

Clegg has gone further by saying religious venues such as churches should be able to host gay weddings.

Homosexual couples in Britain have been able to obtain civil partnerships, giving them similar legal rights to heterosexual married couples, since 2004.

But gay couples cannot hold religious wedding ceremonies and campaigners say that having civil partnerships rather than gay marriages perpetuates the idea that same-sex unions are less valid than heterosexual ones.

The Church of England and Roman Catholic Church have staunchly opposed the changes, fearing they could eventually be forced to preside over gay weddings.

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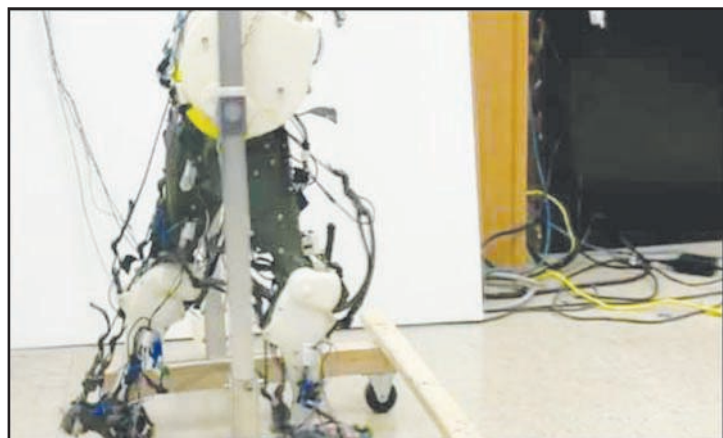
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Sci-Tech

Biomechanical legs are a giant step for robot-kind



PARIS (AFP) - Scientists in the United States say they have made the world's most advanced pair of biomechanical legs, bringing the goal of human-friendly household robots a bit closer.

About half the size of their human counterparts, the legs are the first to mimic walking in a biologically accurate, energy-efficient manner, say the researchers.

They have the slight up-and-down movement of human legs, using load sensors in the feet that help a small computer adjust the motion according to the surface.

The research appears on Friday in a peer-reviewed publication, the Journal of Neural Engineering.

The sensors are one component in a triple system that aims at imitating the human gait, which has been honed by millions of years of evolution to be as smooth and energy-efficient as our anatomy will allow.

The "skeleton" of the legs copies the three joints in the lower anatomy -- the hips, knees and ankles -- and the muscles are straps, which move up and down as actuators.

The actual movements are determined by an electronic imitation of the central pattern generator (CPG), a neural network in the lower region of the spine that is semi-autonomous from the brain.

The CPG generates rhythmic muscle signals after gathering information from various parts of the body that respond to the environment. This explains why we can walk without having to think about it.

The next phase will be to incorporate vision to control gait as well as other tactile sensors, "so that if you stumble, the system will correct itself and not fall over," said Lewis.

The legs are intended for fundamental research into understanding how humans learn to walk, but there could one day be gains for doctors trying to recover walking ability for patients with spinal-cord injuries, the researchers hope.

In robotics, "two major corporations in the US have expressed interest in this work, and we are currently looking at transferring this technology to one of them," said Lewis.

Internet shutdown looms for some as US fix expires



(AFP) - Tens of thousands of computer users around the world infected with malware last year may lose their Internet access on Monday with the expiration of a fix by US authorities, security experts say.

The problem stems from malware known as DNS Changer, which was created by cybercriminals to redirect Internet traffic by hijacking the domain name systems of Web browsers.

The ring behind the DNS Changer virus, discovered in 2007, was shut down last year by the US Federal Bureau of

Investigation (FBI), Estonian police and other law enforcement agencies.

Because the virus controlled so much Web traffic, authorities obtained a court order to allow the FBI to operate replacement servers which allow traffic to flow normally, even from infected computers.

But that order expires Monday, when experts say infected computers will face an "Internet doomsday."

The FBI, Facebook, Google, Internet service providers and security firms have been scrambling to warn

users about the problem and direct them to fixes.

According to a working group set up by experts, more than 300,000 computers remained infected as of June 11.

Security experts say it's not clear how many of those computers are active.

Users who think they are infected may perform a test at the DNS Changer Working Group's website <http://www.dcwg.org/> or others operated by various security firms.

IID said that the malware also compromises computers by preventing antivirus software updates.

The security firm McAfee, which also offers a diagnostic tool, said users must act before Monday to clean their computers.

"If users' computers have the wrong DNS settings for the servers, they will not be able to access websites, send e-mail or use Internet services," a McAfee statement said Thursday.

For computers affected, the blackout will be total, experts say.

"Connectivity will be lost to the Internet PERIOD," said a blog posting from the security firm Symantec. "If your computer is still using DNS entries that are pointing to the FBI servers on July 9, you will lose TOTAL access to the Internet. No connecting to the office from home, no updating Facebook, nothing until the DNS settings are fixed."

Six Estonians and a Russian were charged last November with infecting computers, including NASA machines, with the malware as part of an online advertising scam that reaped at least \$14 million.

At least four million computers located in over 100 countries may have been infected.



Apple, which is expected to launch a mini version of its market-leading iPad tablet, could quickly overpower its rivals in the segment with the addition of the new product, analysts say. Rumors about the smaller iPad have been swirling for months, but the Wall Street Journal reported this week that Apple's component makers in China are gearing up for mass production of the device for the launch expected later this year. The launch expected later this year however would probably prompt Apple co-founder Steve Jobs to roll over in his grave, given that the late technology pioneer ridiculed the small-screen tablets offered by his competitors. But analysts say the market has changed since Jobs died last October. If Apple sells the new device at less than \$300, as widely expected, said Analyst Tom Mainelli, "they put a hurt on all Androids."

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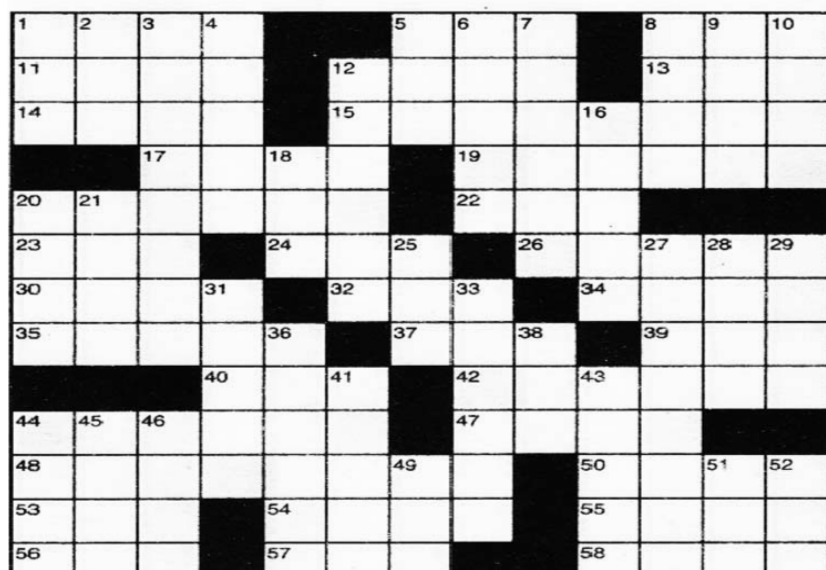
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32. Digits (abbr.)
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57. Positive answer
58. Speedy jets (abbr.)

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4. _____ circle

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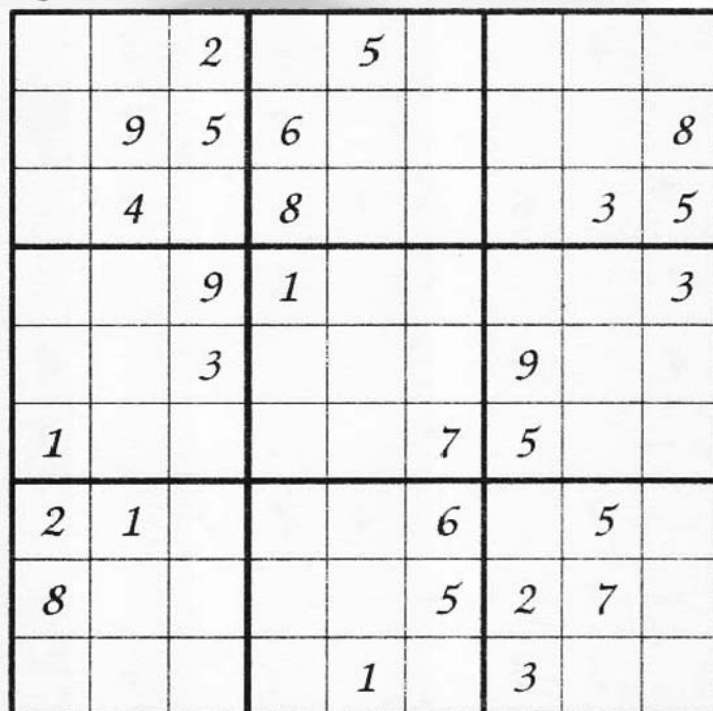
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Finance

Cuba aims to attract foreign capital with reforms

HAVANA (AFP) - Cuba hopes to attract more international investment and open its markets with new reforms before the end of the year, the communist island's foreign trade ministry said yesterday.

"We are looking to boost foreign investments, as a complement to domestic investment efforts, directing them to priority sectors to increase access to technology and expand markets," said Foreign Trade Ministry finance chief Yamila Fernandez del Busto.

She said Cuba was working on modifying law 77, which deals with foreign capital in

Cuba, by December.

Cuba has allowed foreign investment since 1993, when then-president Fidel Castro introduced timid reforms to fight the economic crisis that followed the fall of the Soviet Union.

Raul Castro, who took over from his ailing brother in 2006, has launched more ambitious reforms, seeking to revitalize the island's inefficient centralized economy.

Foreign investment, generally combined with Cuban government capital, is mainly concentrated in the tourism, mining and oil sectors.

Obama on jobs report: 'it's still tough out there'

POLAND, Ohio (AFP) - US President Barack Obama said yesterday he was not satisfied by a weak jobs report that left the unemployment rate at 8.2 percent, admitting in swing state Ohio: "it's still tough out there."

Obama said the Labor Department figures showing the economy created 80,000 jobs

in June were "a step in the right direction" but added: "we can't be satisfied," as Republicans branded him an economic failure.

"It's still tough out there," Obama said at a school in Poland, a small middle class community in northeastern Ohio, a crucial battleground in November's election.

Aruba Tourism records best result since the economic downturn in 2009

ORANJESTAD -- The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) concludes in its Quarterly Bulletin of the fourth quarter of 2011 that Aruba continues on the path to economic recovery due to the restart of refinery operations in the beginning of 2011 and a better performing tourism industry. In the fourth quarter of 2011, the tourism sector continued to perform well, with a 2.7 percent increase to 213,481 stay-over visitors compared to the same quarter of 2010, the highest growth since the economic downturn in 2009. The Latin American market expanded by 6,785 visitors (+15.1 percent) and continued to carry the enhanced tourism performance. However, Aruba's top market, the United States, contracted by 2,984 visitors (-2.4 percent), partially explained by the mild weather, as the 2011/12 winter was the fourth-warmest in the last 117 years. In contrast, cruise tourism fell by 4,134 passengers (-2.0 percent) to 206,934 tourists, following 11 fewer ships calls at the Aruban port. On balance, tourism receipts grew by 3.6 percent, compared to the same quarter a year earlier (the fifth consecutive quarter of growth).

Furthermore, the Business Perception Survey (BPS) for the fourth quarter of 2011 suggests that businesses were positive about the current and the short-term future economic conditions in Aruba. The BPS index on current economic conditions recorded its highest result (105.4) since the second quarter of 2005 (107.1). In addition to the positive business sentiment, the construction sector performed positively as the number of construction permits granted expanded by 2.9 percent, and the number of approved electrical installations grew by 28.1 percent. Both compared to the same period in 2010. Cement imports grew substantially (38.2 percent) in 2011 indicating a buoyant construction sector for the whole 2011.

During the last quarter of 2011, the quantity of refined oil decreased by 40.1 percent, i.e., from 17.1 million barrels in the third quarter of 2011 to 10.3 million barrels in the current period of analysis. Narrow sour crude oil differentials and the sensitivity of the refinery's profitability to them had a major role to play in this output decline. Because of this, the value of imported oil fell by 61.1 percent to Afl. 1.2 billion and the value of exported oil dropped by 43.2 percent to

Afl. 1.7 billion, compared to the same quarter of 2010.

-- An upward movement in prices (+6.3 percent) was registered in the current quarter (the highest quarterly average inflation rate since the third quarter of 2008). This rise had to do with increased prices in the categories, housing, transport, food and non-alcoholic beverages, and alcoholic beverages and tobacco. For 2011, inflation reached 4.4 percent (12-month average), which is slightly more than double the result of 2010. When correcting for the food and energy components, the core inflation stood at 1.2 percent.

Government revenue in the fourth quarter broadened by Afl. 32.2 million to Afl. 264.8 million (5.5 percent of nominal GDP), the highest since the fourth quarter of 2009, and reflected increases in both tax (+Afl. 27.7 million) and non-tax revenues (+Afl. 4.6 million). Total cash-adjusted expenditures stepped up by Afl. 1.0 million to Afl. 319.7 million (6.7 percent of nominal GDP), manifesting expansions in goods and services (+Afl. 15.5 million), personnel-related expenses (+Afl. 10.2 million), and interest expenses (+Afl. 5.7 million). Consequently, the financial deficit (including the change in unmet financing requirements) reached Afl. 59.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2011, equal to 1.2 percent of nominal GDP. At the end of December 2011, total government debt amounted to Afl. 2,771.9 million, up by Afl. 223.7 million (+8.8 percent) against the end-September 2011 position. Hence, total debt-to-GDP increased by 3.9 percentage points to 57.8 percent at end-December, the highest level ever recorded.

With regard to monetary developments, money supply contracted by Afl. 43.6 million to Afl. 3,158.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2011, the second consecutive quarter of decrease. This reflected a combination of both domestic and foreign factors, as the net domestic assets declined by Afl. 106.7 million, countered in part by an Afl. 63.1 million net inflow of foreign funds. Net claims on the public sector fell by Afl. 137.7 million, resulting from increased public sector deposits (+Afl. 137.6 million). A major contributing factor was the issuance of government bonds in November and December 2011, totaling Afl. 230.5 million. The gross claims on the private sector expanded by Afl. 32.2 million,

pushed up mainly by higher credit to enterprises (+Afl. 24.0 million) and housing mortgages (+Afl. 8.1 million). On the other hand, consumer credit stayed weak (Afl. 0.5 million growth), possibly indicating some cautiousness by consumers to enter into loan agreements, as well as a consolidation of consumer debt in housing mortgages. The total net foreign assets of the monetary sector (including revaluation differences of gold and official foreign exchange holdings) amounted to Afl. 1,493.6 million at the end of December 2011, representing 4.7 months of current account payments coverage (12-month average, excluding the oil sector). This ratio of net foreign assets in months of current account payments had been continuously falling since the third quarter of 2010.

The balance of payments recorded a strong rebound in the fourth quarter of 2011 (Afl. 63.1 million surplus) compared to the fourth quarter of 2010 (Afl. 118.7 million deficit), resulting in an equivalent net inflow of foreign funds. This surplus corresponds to 1.3 percent of nominal GDP, and was the highest in the four quarters of 2011. The current account posted a surplus of Afl. 93.1 million (1.9 percent of nominal GDP), and was mainly the result of a strong growth in the goods account, as the oil sector resumed its operations. The increase in the goods account was partially mitigated by an outflow of branch profits and dividends. The latter widened the deficit of the income account to Afl. 321.3 million. The capital and financial account registered an Afl. 28.5 million deficit in the fourth quarter of 2011, chiefly the result of large net outflows in direct investment totaling Afl. 312.3 million. This outflow was compensated largely by an Afl. 200.6 million net inflows in other investments (mainly payments of trade credits).



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ROME (AFP) - Italian art experts have discovered around 100 drawings and some paintings by the young Renaissance master Caravaggio when he was training in Milan, ANSA news agency said Thursday. The artworks were found among a collection of works held at Sforza Castle in the northern Italian city, which were done by the pupils of painter Simone Peterzano, with whom Caravaggio studied from the age of 11.



ANSA said the discovery came after a lengthy search through churches in Milan, as well as the collection of 1,378 drawings done by Peterzano and his students. Michelangelo Merisi (1571-1610), or Caravaggio, is known as one of history's most tormented painters. He was involved in frequent brawls and vicious beatings and fled Rome after being sentenced to death for killing a love rival. Hailed as the master of the "chiaro-scuro" technique -- the contrast of shadow and light -- he died of fever in exile and was buried in a mass grave.

Oliver Stone pits hippies against Mexico drug barons



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Oliver Stone's latest movie pits a pair of Californian neo-hippy cannabis growers against Mexican drug barons aiming to move their business north of the border, with predictably violent results.

In what he stresses is fiction, Stone's "Savages" returns to the theme of drugs and violence that he explored as the screenwriter of "Midnight Express" (1978), for which he won one of his three Oscars, and "Scarface" (1983).

The film, based on the critically acclaimed book "Savages" by US author Don Winslow, tells the story of two Californians -- Ben (Aaron Johnson) and Chon (Taylor Kitsch) -- and their shared girlfriend Ophelia (Blake Lively).

They divide their life between surfing, smoking, shopping and a flourishing cannabis-growing business.

Everything is going swimmingly until a cartel run by Elena (Salma Hayek) suggests an alliance. Ben and Chon refuse, prompting heavies played by Benicio Del Toro and Demian Bichir to kidnap Ophelia.

The two hippies decide to take up arms and launch a merciless fight against the cartel with the help of a dirty drug enforcement agent played by John Travolta.

As usual, Stone has done considerable research and met

a lot of people in preparation for making the movie, and he says he learned a great deal about drugs and violence.

He chose Mexican actress

Hayek to play the cartel's merciless female chief.

"She's tough. She came from Mexico, she just propelled herself to Hollywood. I guess she didn't speak much English when she got here," he said. "I met her years ago, when I did 'U Turn,' and the first time I met her, she said: 'You son of a bitch, you didn't even see me for U Turn. You gave it to Jennifer Lopez.' I was stunned," said Stone.

For his latest film, "I wrote her a note in Europe and I just said: 'You're the one.' When Universal asked me: 'Is she tough enough?' I said: 'Oh yes, she's tough.'"

U2 star's ex-aide jailed for 2.8 million euro theft

LONDON (AFP) - A former personal assistant to U2 bass player Adam Clayton was jailed for seven years Friday after embezzling 2.8 million euros (\$3.4 million) from the star, the Irish courts service said.

Carol Hawkins, 48, was found guilty last week of 181 counts of theft from Clayton, who has played on hits including "Where The Streets Have No Name", "With Or Without You" and "Beautiful Day".

A court in Dublin heard how Hawkins had worked for Clayton for 17 years, starting off as a housekeeper at his mansion in the Irish capital, Danesmoate House, before ris-

ing to be his assistant, Irish media reported.

But she used her position of trust to take money which she used to fund a lavish lifestyle including racehorses, exotic holidays and designer clothes, the court heard.

U2's representatives in London were not immediately contactable for comment on the case.

Since forming in Dublin in 1976, U2 have become one of the world's biggest-selling rock acts but retain deep ties to their home city.

One of their most successful albums, 1987's "The Joshua Tree", was recorded at Danesmoate House.



BEIJING (AFP) - China's state-run Catholic church ordained a bishop on Friday in defiance of the Vatican, authorities said as they dismissed protests from the Holy See as "rude and unreasonable". The ordination of Father Yue Fusheng (C) occurred in the northeastern city of Harbin on Friday morning, said Yang Yu, a spokesman for the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association (CPCA). The Holy See had warned this week it deemed the consecration illegitimate and vowed to excommunicate priests who participated. Two Harbin priests who opposed the ordination were taken into custody one day earlier and released on Friday afternoon, one of the men, Father Zhang Xisheng, said in an email to AFP. Yue, who was ordained as a priest in 1988, also serves as the deputy chairman of the CPCA and head of its provincial arm in Heilongjiang.



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Aussie Girl Guides ditch pledge to queen and God

SYDNEY (AFP) - Australia's Girl Guides will no longer promise to serve the queen or uphold their duty to God, choosing instead to "be true to myself" and "serve my community and Australia".

In changes unveiled this week by the volunteer girls' group, members have decided to keep their sashes with badges, but pledges of duty to a Christian God, Britain's monarch and obedience have been consigned to history.

The change, which began to come into effect from Friday, could see Queen Elizabeth II's picture removed from guide halls in a nation that has a strong republican movement

despite remaining a constitutional monarchy.

The movement, which has been around for more than a century in Australia, said the changes were designed to make it more modern and relevant, and help expand current membership from the current roster of around 28,000.

Guiding began spontaneously in many parts of Australia from about 1911 and aims to help girls aged 5-18 grow into confident, responsible community members.

Girl Guides Australia has been reviewing the wording of the promise for close to two years, and some members had strong objections to the

changes.

But Helen Geard, chief commissioner of Girl Guides Australia, said the organisation ultimately decided that "doing duty to God is probably not language that is relevant to our young people."

"I think it's a reflection of Girl Guides wanting to move with the times and understanding that as a country we are changing and seeking our own identity and that's part of being Australian," Geard told the ABC.

According to the latest population census, taken last year, 26 percent of Australians were born overseas and a further 20 percent had at least one migrant parent.

SPORTS

Cycling: Six more retirements after crash-hit sixth stage



METZ - Netherlands' Wouter Poels (C) is pictured after the crash of around 30 riders 26 km before the end of the 207.5 km and sixth stage, cycling race starting in Epernay and finishing in Metz, northeastern France, on July 6, 2012.
AFP PHOTO

METZ, France, July 6, 2012 (AFP) - A total of six riders including Spanish veteran Oscar Freire quit the Tour de France Friday after suffering injury in the crash-marred sixth stage over 205 km from Epernay to Metz on Friday.

Freire, world road race champion in 1999, 2001, 2004 and taking part in his last Tour, was forced to retire after fracturing his shoulderblade requiring three days recovery in hospital, his Katusha team reported late Friday.

Another rider forced out prematurely was Dutchman Wouter Poels of Vacansoleil, one of several riders left sitting on the road in pain after a mass pile-up 26 km from the finish.

American Tom Danielson, who had suffered a shoulder injury earlier this week, also

pulled out after crashing at the same spot, where many of his Garmin teammates also came down.

Also caught in the crash were Italian Davide Vigano of Lampre and Spaniard Mikel Astarloza, who rides for Euskaltel. Both riders pulled out of the race.

Rabobank announced that Belgian Maarten Wynants, who finished among a 41-strong group that finished the stage over 13 minutes down, had also quit after being diagnosed with two broken ribs and a perforated lung.

"Unfortunately, he's out of the Tour," Rabobank announced in a posting on Twitter.

It brings the number of retirements on the race to 10 from the 198-strong peloton.

Dutchman Maarten Tjallingii (Rabobank), Jose Joaquin Rojas (Movistar) and Kanstantsin Sivtsov (Team Sky) had all quit prior to Friday's stage because of injuries suffered in crashes.

Germany Marcel Kittel of Argos-Shimano withdrew after 40km of racing Thursday having suffered from a stomach virus since Monday.

NBA: Lin to ink offer sheet with Rockets - report

HOUSTON (AFP) - NBA free agent Jeremy Lin, the Asian-American star who sparked "Lin-sanity" in February for the Knicks, has reportedly agreed to sign a rich offer sheet with the Houston Rockets.

NBA teams can't make any free agent transactions until July 11, but the Houston Chronicle was among the US media outlets reporting that Lin was ready to accept the Rockets' offer, which reports put at about \$28.8 million over four years.

The Knicks would have three days to match the offer for Lin.

The New York Daily News was among the media outlets reporting that veteran point guard Jason Kidd, second on the NBA's all-time list in assists and steals, had opted to leave Dallas and would sign as free agent for the Knicks.

It wasn't immediately clear if that meant the Knicks were

giving up on retaining Lin, or if they hoped teaming with the 39-year-old Kidd could help him develop.

Lin, whose parents are from Taiwan and a grandmother from China, became a smash Broadway hit during last season after having been cut by two NBA clubs -- including the Rockets.

Injuries to two starters allowed the former Harvard University standout a chance to come off the Knicks bench and Lin responded by sparking

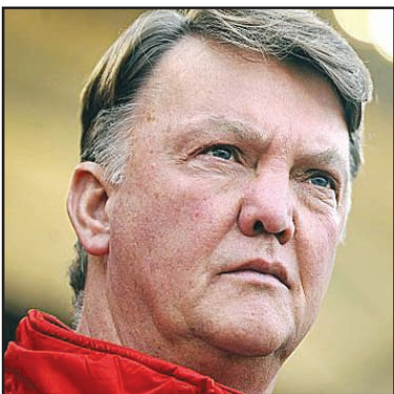
a seven-game Knicks winning streak, his clutch shooting and passing skills earning him adoration from fans.

"Lin-sanity" became a worldwide phenomenon and even after his role was reduced he served as an inspirational tale.

As a restricted free agent, Lin can field offers from rival clubs but the Knicks would be allowed to keep him by matching any offer he receives.

Lin averaged 14.6 points and 6.2 assists a game last season for the Knicks.

Football: Van Gaal returns for second spell as Dutch coach



THE HAGUE (AFP) - Veteran former Ajax, Barcelona and Bayern Munich coach Louis van Gaal was appointed Friday as the Dutch national squad's new manager following Bert van Marwijk's resignation last week after a woeful Euro 2012 campaign.

"Van Gaal has signed a contract that will link him from August 1 this year until

the end of the World Cup in 2014," The Dutch Royal Football Federation (KNVB) said.

His appointment marks an end to speculation following van Marwijk's resignation on June 27 after the Dutch bowed out at the first round of Euro 2012 in Poland and the Ukraine -- one of their worst results in decades.

Van Gaal, 60, brings with him a wealth of experience as a former player as well as a coach with Ajax, winning the national championships three times in 1994, 1995 and 1996, the KNVB said.

He took over as national coach from Dutch football legend Frank Rijkaard in 2000, taking the Oranje to 12 wins in 14 games.

He resigned in 2001 when

the Netherlands failed to qualify for the 2002 World Cup in Japan and South Korea.

Van Gaal's coaching experience also include leading German football giants Bayern Munich, taking them to the Champions League in 2009. He left the club last year.

"We were looking for a trainer with a wealth of experience, with personal and technical expertise," said KNVB director Bert van Oostveen.

"Van Gaal earned his spurs not only nationally, but internationally as well and we know him as a dedicated and highly driven coach," van Oostveen said.

In his first official reaction van Gaal voiced his joy about being approached by the KNVB, saying in the same statement: "It's the challenge I have been waiting for."



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Athletics: Gay trumps Gatlin, but Bekele struggles



American Tyson Gay (C), American Justin Gatlin (L) and French Christophe Lemaitre compete in the 100m

PARIS (AFP) - Tyson Gay won the battle of the US sprint heavyweights at the Diamond League meet here on Friday, overcoming a terrible start to edge Justin Gatlin on the line for victory in 9.99 seconds.

Other stand-out performances came from strong Olympic favourites David Rudisha and Sally Pearson, but Kenenisa Bekele was left ruing his form after a disastrous outing in the 5,000m saw him confirm he would not defend his distance double at the London Games.

Gay left it late to surge past 2004 Olympic champion Gatlin, who clocked 10.03sec, with French hope Christophe Lemaitre finishing third (10.08).

"I wanted to win this race since Gatlin beat me in the US trials," said Gay, the US national record holder and second fastest man of all-time at 9.68sec.

A first defeat of the season did not dent Gatlin's ever-high confidence levels.

"I won the gold in Athens and the same thing should happen in London," said the 30-year-old who came back from a four-year doping ban in May 2011.

Rudisha clocked an electric 1:41.54, streaking ahead of the field on the coat-tails of regular pacemaker Sammy Tanguy in a bid to break his own world record of 1:41.01 set in 2010.

Pearson also impressed in the 100m hurdles, dominating from the start to win in an extremely rapid world lead of

12.40sec, not far off the 12.28 she raced to win last year's world championships in Daegu.

It was a different story for Bekele, the reigning Olympic 5,000m and 10,000m champion, and the world record-holder over both distances.

The Ethiopian track legend could only finish ninth in the 5,000m, almost 9sec adrift of compatriot Dejen Gebremeskel, who sprinted home in a world lead of 12:46.81 in a race being used as an Ethiopian Olympic trial.

Bekele has slowly been coming back to form after spending two years battling a calf injury, but he never looked comfortable at the Stade de France.

"I won't be going to the Games to race the 5,000m," he said. "But I'm not so disappointed because I have my place in the 10,000m."

"I don't have enough training under my belt to go in the 5,000m."

On-form Renaud Lavillenie maintained his impressive winning form, recording a best of 5.77m to win the pole vault in which there were only 14 successful marks as the 10 competitors struggled with the wet runway.

It was the 10th victorious outing in a row for the two-time world bronze medallist who last week retained his European title in Helsinki.

Golf: Storms halt play at Greenbrier

WHITESULPHUR SPRINGS (AFP) - Thunderstorms halted play at the Greenbrier Classic Friday with Phil Mickelson looking likely to miss the cut and Tiger Woods trying to avoid the same fate.

When play was stopped because of lightning in the area, Mickelson was already in the clubhouse after a second straight one-over 71 for two-over 142.

The projected cut for the \$6.1 million event was hovering around one-under 139, making it likely Mickelson was going to have time to get a jump start on his preparations for the British Open, which starts July 19 at Royal Lytham.

Woods started the day one-over and was at even par through seven after a bogey and a birdie.

Jonathan Byrd and rookie Charlie Beljan were both in the clubhouse at eight-under 132.

Byrd carded a 68 while Beljan flirted with a 59 before signing for an eight-under 62.

"I haven't really realized what's going on," said Beljan, a 27-year-old who earned his tour card by tying for 14th at qualifying school last year.

Beljan, who won eight times on the developmental Gateway Tour, had nine birdies and just one bogey on the Old White TPC course, holing all 17 putts he faced from inside 10 feet.

Woods is playing here for the first time, coming into the event fresh off his 74th career victory at the National.

That made him the season's only three-time winner, having also taken key major tuneup titles at the Memorial in June and the Arnold Palmer Invitational in March -- although he was unable to carry that success through the Masters or US Open.



METZ : Stage winner, Slovakia's Peter Sagan celebrates on the podium at the end of the 207,5 km and sixth stage of the 2012 Tour de France cycling race starting in Epernay and finishing in Metz, northeastern France, on July 6, 2012.

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Wimbledon: Murray makes history, books final clash with Federer



Andy Murray celebrates after his semi-final victory

LONDON (AFP) - Andy Murray will attempt to become the first British man to win Wimbledon in 76 years when the home favourite faces six-time champion Roger Federer in an historic final on Sunday.

Murray's 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 semi-final victory over French fifth seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Friday made him Britain's first male Wimbledon finalist since Bunny Austin in 1938.

But the 25-year-old will surpass even that impressive feat if he beats Federer and emulates the legendary Fred

Perry, who was the last British man to win Wimbledon when he defeated Gottfried von Cramm in 1936.

Murray's meeting with Federer will be the Scot's fourth attempt to win a Grand Slam final following defeats at the 2008 US Open and Australian Open in 2010 and 2011.

The world number four, deploying his trademark counter-punching game to devastating effect, looked set to coast into the final as he swept through the first two

as he celebrated on court.

"He was hitting some unbelievable winners and had break points at 4-4, but I managed to hang tough there and win it. It was an emo-

there is still plenty of life in Federer yet.

Djokovic, who was bidding to reach a fifth successive Grand Slam final, had defeated Federer six times in



Roger Federer of Switzerland reacts after winning



Andy Murray dives to reach the ball



Spectators on Murray Mound / Henman Hill cheers after Andy Murray of Britain defeated Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France

sets.

But a rare lapse of concentration presented Tsonga with a lifeline and the Frenchman, also a beaten Wimbledon semi-finalist last year, broke to take the third set.

Yet Murray showed nerves of steel to save two break points at 4-4 in the fourth set before producing a stunning shot on match point that was initially called out and then corrected to a winner when the Scot challenged successfully.

"It's tough to explain (how it feels). It's a bit of relief and excitement," said Murray who appeared close to tears

tional end to the match."

While Murray has history as his motivation, Federer won't be short of incentive either after the Swiss great reached a record eighth Wimbledon final with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 win against Novak Djokovic.

Victory over Murray will take Federer level with Pete Sampras's record of seven Wimbledon wins, allow him to reclaim the world number one ranking and clinch a 17th career Grand Slam crown.

After hearing the critics decry him as a fading force for much of the last two years, Federer delivered an emphatic response by dethroning reigning champion Djokovic.

Federer won the last of his Wimbledon crowns in 2009 and the 30-year-old has been waiting to add to his Grand Slam title collection since lifting the Australian Open trophy in 2010.

But on the evidence of his ruthless performance against world number one Djokovic under the Centre Court roof,

their last seven meetings.

Yet it was Federer who called the tune in his 32nd Grand Slam semi-final.

"I'm ecstatic. I played a great match today. Novak played great in the first two sets too, but the third set was key," Federer said.

"I stepped it up then. He had a break points in the ninth game of the third set. It was a tough match."

After so much criticism of late, Federer was delighted to be back in the final, having lost in the quarter-finals to Tomas Berdych in 2010 and Tsonga last year.

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